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NEEL'S CREEK, *Saturday, Sep. 27th*, 1851.

The Raleigh Association met according to adjournment. Elder P. W. Dowd, according to appointment, preached the Introductory sermon from Zachariah 4 : 6.—"This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

After preaching, the delegates and brethren convened. Elder P. W. Dowd took the chair, called the brethren to order, and appointed Elder J. C. Marcom and Dr. William M. Crenshaw assistant Clerks. Appointed Green Beckwith, William Yates, Needham Norris a Committee of Finance for the Association.

Alsey Holland and Robert Weatherspoon were appointed a Committee of Finance for Home Missions.

Called for the church letters, which were read, and the delegates' names enrolled.

Hephzibah—Josiah Horton, Madison H. Horton.
Rolesville—Reuben Mitchell, Solomon Walker.†
Wake X Roads—Solomon Pace, Joseph A. Peebles.
Wake Forest—WILLIAM JONES, WM. T. WALTERS.
Wake Union—Col. Isaac Winston, Dr. W. M. Crenshaw.
Mt. Vernon—N. S. Harp, Henry Murrel.
New Hope—Henry Buffalo, J. Trawick.
Raleigh—THOMAS W. TOBEY, G. M. L. FINCH.
Cedar Fork—Robert T. Weatherspoon, Wesley Marcom.
Mt. Pisgah—William Yates, John A. Mason.
Salem—Needham Norris, Adolphus G. Jones.
Shady Grove—Samuel Wilson, Merit Womble.
Holly Spring—Green Beckwith, James Adams.
Rose of Sharon—James W. Cheek, Simon Haily.

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Mount Zion—John C. Bradley, Alvis Hill.
Wake Bethel—Solomon King, Ruffin Bryant.
Mt. Moriah—John B. Johns, Josiah Whitley.
Johnson Liberty—Needham Bryan, Merit Ferrell.
Bethesda—Josiah Gay.
Smithfield—Thomas Lockhart, Addis E. Lockhart.
Spring Branch—William Kellum, Joseph Dawson.
Baptist Chapel—James Rench, Robert Williams.
Neel's Creek—Andrew W. Betts, James Johnson.
Piney Grove—Alsey Holland, Jacob Powel.
Cumberland Union—J. D. Lanear, Timothy Freelove.
Friendship—Isaac S. Williams, Willie Warrick.
Antioch—Jonathan Hawley, Mark Wade.
Muddy Spring—Noah Buckhannan, Tilman Thomas.
Mt. Pleasant.
Piney Green—Alexander McRae, Jesse Wilson.
Olive's Chapel—Needham Beckwith, A. Johnson.

Ministering brethren present—P. W. Dowd, Samuel Brown, Lewis Pipkin, J. C. Marcom, J. S. Purify, John Purify, D. S. Williams, S. Senter, E. Holland, J. Howell, J. Olive, J. C. Wilson, J. B. Jackson.

A majority of the delegation being present, on motion, proceeded to elect a Moderator by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Elder P. W. Dowd. Elder Dowd accepted the appointment and remained in the chair.

On motion, proceeded to the election of a Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. C. Marcom, who accepted the appointment.

Petitionary letters were called for. One was presented from Piney Green, Sampson county, which was read, and the church received into our connexion—the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.—One from Olive's Chapel, Chatham county, which was read and received in like manner.

Visiting brethren in the ministry were invited. Brother M. D. Freeman appeared and took a seat.

Correspondents from sister Associations were invited to seats. Present from Flat River, brethren Wm. Strain and Abel Maddrey. From Beulah, Elder Jesse Howell, with Minutes.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Elders D. S. Williams, S. Senter, Dr. William M. Crenshaw, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, the pastor of the church, with the deacons and breth-

ren S. Senter and K. Jones, were appointed to arrange the preaching during the meeting.

Elders S. Senter, and J. S. Purify, and Dr. William M. Crenshaw were appointed a committee to write essays, which committee after retiring a few minutes returned and reported the following, viz:

On Sabbath Schools—T. W. Tobey, A. G. Jones and Col. Isaac Winston.

On Foreign Missions—J. Olive, J. S. Williams and William Yates.

On Home Missions—William T. Walters, Jesse Howell and James A. Johnson.

On Bible Distribution—Elder J. C. Wilson, Needham Norris and Samuel Wilson.

On B. S. Convention—Elder William Jones, Robert Williams and Alexander McRae.

On Periodicals—Elder D. S. Williams, E. Holland and Willie Warrick.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. S. Williams.

SUNDAY MORNING, Sep. 28th, 1851.

Through the providence of God, we were blessed with a beautiful morning. A large congregation assembled in the grove at the stand, at which time Elder J. C. Olive preached from Isaiah 25 : 6. "And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines, on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined."

Elder T. W. Tobey immediately followed and preached a missionary sermon from 2 Chron. 31 : 21. "And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered." After which a collection was taken up for the support of M. T. Yates and wife in China, amounting to $21 25. After an intermission of thirty minutes, Elder P. W. Dowd preached from 2 Timothy 1 : 12, (latter clause.) "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." From the attention of the people we hope a lasting blessing will follow.

MONDAY, September 29th, 1851.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder William Jones.

The names of the delegates and visiting brethren were called.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, and the report was adopted.

Dr. William Hooper, Professor J. B. White, Professor William T. Brooks, T. W. Tobey and J. S. Purify were appointed a presbytery to examine, and if qualified, to ordain William T. Walters.

Elders John Purify, D. S. Williams, Lewis Pipkin, S. Senter, J. Olive, J. C. Wilson were appointed to examine and if qualified to ordain brother K. Jones.

The invitation was again extended to visiting brethren.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were called on to report, who did so as far as they were present, which reports were satisfactory.

Appointed the following brethren corresponding messengers to sister Associations ; viz :

To Flat River commencing Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1852—Elders William T. Walters, J. S. Purify, William Jones, and Colonel Isaac Winston.

Tar River, Flat Rock first Sunday in October—Elders William Jones, J. S. Purify, D. S. Williams, L. B. Horton, W. T. Brooks and T. W. Tobey.

Beulah, Ephesus, Person county—Elders W. Jones, J. C. Marcom, Jesse Howell.

Sandy Creek, Bethel, Orange county —Elders J. C. Wilson, J. Howell and J. Olive.

Union, Little Creek, Green county—J. S. Purify, William Jones, S. Senter and T. W. Tobey.

Committee on Articles of Faith reported ; report received and ordered to be attached to the Minutes. Report marked. (See Appendix.)

Moved by brother T. W. Tobey that the Articles of Faith here presented be recommended to the churches for their adoption.

Inasmuch as union among the churches of this Association is desirable, and more especially uniformity in church discipline, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of five—two of whom shall be ministers of the gospel, and the other three laymen—be appointed, whose duty it shall be to draft and present to this body at its next meeting a regular church decorum, for the government of the churches belonging to this body, setting forth the way and manner ministers shall be indueted into the sacred office ;

and how they shall be dealt with in case of misdemeanor, &c., and also what shall be the duty of the churches relative to the ministry and all of her members.

Resolved further, That nothing in the above shall be considered binding upon the churches—only advised by this body for the general welfare of all concerned.

Committee to carry out the above resolution, Elders D. S. Williams and J. S. Purify, brethren Dr. W. M. Crenshaw, William Yates and Needham Norris.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this Association, that they adopt some systematic plan for the improvement of their *Licentiates*.

In order to carry out this resolution,

Resolved, That each church *licensing* a member to preach recommend to such licentiate to study the following books or branches, viz: the Bible, English Grammar, Geography, Pilgrim's Progress, Baxter's Call, Wayland's Moral Science, and Paley's Evidences of Christianity, before she recommends him to ordination.

The Treasurer being called on to report, reported the following, which was accepted.

Balance in hand September 1849,		$ 1 70
This (1850) year's contribution		38 00
		$39 70
Paid for printing Minutes,	$28 00	
Clerk's fees,	10 00	38 00
Balance in hand September, 1851,		1 70

Appointed the Clerk Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee reported and paid over to the Treasurer $40 70.

Reports on Sabbath Schools, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Bible Distribution, B. S. Convention and Periodicals were read and adopted and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix.)

Letter from brother M. T. Yates was read and ordered to be printed. (See appendix.)

On motion of brother S. Senter, the Association joined in prayer in behalf of brother M. T. Yates and family in China, the Moderator leading.

The Yates committee made a partial report, and begged for farther time to complete their report, and hand it to the Clerk to be printed. (See Appendix.)

The following is the Yates Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—Elders J. S. Purify, W. T. Brooks, J. Olive, J. F. Ellington, S. Sen-

ter, and D. S. Williams, and brethren H. Weatherspoon, T. Lockhart and Isaac Williams.

Executive Committee reported, and report received and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix.)

On motion, appointed D. S. Williams, J. S. Purify, and William Yates a committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention, who reported the following, viz: *Life Members*—J. S. Purify, J. B. Jackson, David Justice, W. S. Ballenger, and W. R. Moore to the next annual Convention, T. J. Terrell, J. A. Hicks, T. W. Tobey, G. M. L. Finch, P. F. Pescud, Robert Jones, J. Olive, William Yates, Isaac Winston, A. G. Jones, P. W. Dowd, J. C. Wilson, P. B. Burt, H. M. Dawson, S. Senter, K. Jones, A. Williams, J. S. Williams, L. Davis, S. Parker, W. Parker, D. S. Williams, B. Ballenger, A. E. Lockart, B. Wellons, J. Howell, A. Holland, John Purify, L. Pipkin, W. Blalock and A. W. Betts.

On motion, adjourned until Tuesday 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder John Purify.

TUESDAY, Sept. 30th, 1851.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. Senter.

The names of the delegates and visiting brethren were called.

On motion, Elders P. W. Dowd, J. Olive and J. C. Wilson, and brethren N. Norris, G. Beckwith, S. P. Norris, J. King, W. Yates, J. A. Mason, A. K. Clements and J. Adams were appointed an Executive Committee to employ an efficient missionary or missionaries to supply the destitution within the bounds of this Association, when they shall have obtained from the churches funds sufficient for his or their support.

The following preamble and resolution was then adopted: whereas, there is lameness in our By-laws relative to inviting visiting brethren in the ministry to participate with us, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to revise the By-laws of this Association, and report to its next annual meeting. Committee—W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters and Dr. W. M. Crenshaw.

The following was also adopted:

Whereas, it is expedient that the Association establish an Academy preparatory to Wake Forest College within its bounds, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to receive propositions from the neighborhood of any church for its location, and the amount it will subscribe to erect suitable buildings, &c., said buildings to be the property of this Association, and report to the next meeting of this Association.

Committee, Daniel DuPre, J. J. Biggs, P. F. Pescud, J. B. Johns and D. Justice.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of $15 15 be paid to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and by him forwarded to the Southern Board for the purpose of buying Bibles to send to brother M. T. Yates for distribution among the heathen, according to the request of the Cedar Fork Church.

The following was presented and adopted.

Whereas, reports are in circulation injurious to the character of the Moderator of this Association, *Resolved*, that a committee consisting of all the ordained ministers of this Association, be appointed (two thirds of whom shall constitute a quorum,) to investigate said reports and report to the next meeting of this Association.

On motion, appointed Elder Jesse Howell to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association and Elder J. C. Wilson his alternate.

On motion, appointed Elder D. S. Williams to preach a missionary sermon on Sabbath and Elder J. Olive his alternate.

On motion, ordered, that the Clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distribute them as usual, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends at Neel's Creek and vicinity, for their kindness and attention to the members of this Association during its sessions among them.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder John Purify.

Ordained Ministers of this Association.

John Purify, Holly Springs.
S. Senter, do.
J. Olive, do.
J. C. Wilson, do.
J. Howell, do.
J. Judd, do.
K. Jones, do.
D. S. Williams, Bunn's Level.
L. Pipkin, do.
Samuel Brown, Northington.
P. W. Dowd, Raleigh.
T. W. Tobey, do.
J. C. Marcom, do.
J. B. Jackson, do.
Mark Nowell, do.
Wm. Hooper, LL D., Raleigh.
J. S. Purify, Forestville.
J. C. Averitt, Pittsborough.
Samuel Wait, Forestville.
W. T. Brooks, do.
W. T. Walters, do.
J. B. White, do.
Samuel Wilder, Eagle Rock.
J. F. Ellington, Auburn.
R. Johnson, do.
L. B. Horton, Wakefield.
E. Holland, Smithfield.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Huneycutt, Forestville.
S. Terrell, Eagle Rock.
G. M. L. Finch, Raleigh.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTOR'S NAMES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by letter.	Excommunicated.	Died.	Total.	Contribution.	Yates Fund.
1st Section.										
Hephzibah,	L B Horton,	2		2	17	5	5	357	2 00	22
Rolesville,	P W Dowd,		4		9			98	1 50	12
Wake X Roads,	W T Brooks,					2	1	206	2 00	20
Wake Forest,	J B White,		1		3			50	1 50	81 85
Wake Union,	J S Purify,			1	1	1		97	2 20	40
Mount Vernon,	W T Brooks,		3	2			4	139	1 50	30
New Hope,	J B Jackson,	6	2		1	2	1	83	1 00	15
2nd Section.										
Raleigh,	T W Tobey,	16	16	2			3	310	2 00	67 50
Cedarfork,	J Olive,	12	2		5	3	2	193	1 50	16 05
Mount Pisgah,	P W Dowd,	35			5		1	152	1 50	20
Salem,	P W Dowd,	6	3		10	5	1	154	1 00	18 80
Shady Grove,	J C Wilson,		3		8		1	152	1 00	13
Holly Springs,	J Olive,	4	2	1	7		1	168	1 25	11 40
Rose of Sharon,	J Howell,	1			4			40	1 00	
Mount Zion,	G Barbee,				4	3		50	50	
Olive's Chapel,*	J Olive,	11	14					36	50	
3rd Section.										
Wake Bethel,	J Olive,			1	1	1	1	87	1 00	
Mount Moriah,	P W Dowd,	5	4		1			147	2 00	1 75
Johnson Liberty,	J F Ellington,	2		2	2	1	4	124	2 00	10
Bethesda,	J F Ellington,		4	1		1		25	50	
Smithfield,	J B Jackson,	45	1	1	2		1	172	2 00	60
Spring Branch,	J Howell,	40		1		1		132	1 50	10
Baptist Chapel,	S Senter,	17	1		5	1	1	84	1 50	11
Piney Green,*	S Senter,	5	7			1	1	74	1 25	8 55
4th Section.										
Neel's Creek,	John Purify,	21			5	3	2	170	2 00	10
Piney Grove,	L Pipkin,	29	5		4	1		127	1 00	10 05
Cumberland Union,	S Brown,	8	2		3	2		92	1 00	4 20
Friendship,	D S Williams,				2			84	1 50	52 95
Antioch,	S Brown	9	2	1		3	1	28	50	5
Muddy Spring,	S Brown,	2				1		62	1 00	20
Mount Pleasant,	As last year,							29		

*Received this year.

Appendix.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of christian union; and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection; and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners; not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

IV. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises

entirely from their love of sin ; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

V. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners ; that being perfectly consistent with the freedom of human action, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end ; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable ; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy ; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree ; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel, is the foundation of christian assurance ; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

VI. GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again ; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind ; and is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel ; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VII. THE WAY OF SALVATION.

The salvation of sinners is wholly of grace ; through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin ; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death ; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all sufficient Savior.

VIII. THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel ; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith ; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

IX. JUSTIFICATION.

That the great Gospel blessing which Christ of his fulness bestows on such as believe in Him is Justification ; that Justification consists in

the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness ; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness , that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

X. THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end ; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors ; that a special Providence watches over their welfare ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XI. A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws ; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word ; that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XII. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior ; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation ; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; proceeded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath ; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes; by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations ; by a devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public ; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the People of God.

XIV. THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem ; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse ; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XV. THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

XVI. CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

We are pleased to learn that the importance of Sabbath Schools is yearly more greatly felt and more freely acknowledged.

Sabbath Schools are nurseries of the church.

It is among the scholars connected with these, that most of the subjects of the *revivals*, so prevalent in our country, are found.

Your Committee recommend that efforts be made in every church connected with the Association to establish a Sabbath School. Although in the country, it is often difficult to keep up Sabbath Schools, yet such is the value of the influence exerted by them, that the most strenuous efforts should be made to accomplish the object.

T. W. TOBEY, *Chm'n.*

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The Missionary enterprise is one of deep and increasing interest to your Committee, and from the liberality manifested by the churches composing this Association, we are led to believe that a lively interest in this great work is felt by our brethren generally. But while we are well pleased at seeing a strong current of benevolence flowing towards the bosom of China, we fear that we are deficient in our duty in adding to our offering the salt of prayer.

We would, therefore, recommend that the Association designate and appoint a day of fasting and prayer, to be observed by the churches, with special reference to the success of Foreign Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. OLIVE, *Chm'n.*

Report on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions present the following report:

After a brief examination of the subject of our report, we are convinced that there is great destitution existing, even within the bounds of the Raleigh Association. Many churches have no regular preaching, and in many neighborhoods, in which churches ought to be established, there are none. We think that the only effectual way of reaching these destitute places, is, to send missionaries there. And experience has taught us, that such an interest has frequently been excited, by these means; that these very places have in a short time, instead of continuing to be a burden, contributed liberally to the objects of the Convention.

But apart from such considerations, we cannot consistently, as members of the church of Christ, remain uninterested, while we are fully assured, thousands are perishing for want of the bread of life, even within our midst. Your committee do therefore most earnestly recommend the appointment of a missionary or missionaries to labor constantly within the limits of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALTERS, *Chm'n.*

Report on Bible Distribution.

We, your committee on Bible Distribution, having taken this subject into consideration, beg leave to make the following report.

We think it entirely unnecesary for us to speak at length of the good effects resulting from the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, for we all know that countries which have been for ages involved in superstition, ignorance, and barbarism, have been civilized and made happy by the preaching and dissemination of the Gospel. We regard the Bible as the best of books, as the Book of books, and having been raised up under the Gospel dispensation and enjoyed its blessings, we think it our imperative duty to lend our aid in the accomplishment of this great work, *a universal distribution of the Bible.*

J. C. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Report on Baptist State Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the B. S. Convention submit the following report:

This Convention has been in existence more than twenty years, during which time it has been in the Providence of God, instrumental in doing much good. Never have its operations been carried on with greater efficiency. Under its direction are the causes of Education, and Home and Foreign Missions. Each of these commends itself to the cordial approbation and co-operation of every child of God.

At Wake Forest College there are now four beneficiaries of the Convention. In them we have confidence; and for their success we constantly pray.

Some ten missionaries are now under the direction of the Convention, laboring to supply the destitution in our own State. Their labors have been greatly blessed. Within the last five years fifteen churches have been formed as the result of their labors.

For Foreign Missions the Convention annually contribute about one thousand dollars.

Your Committee beg leave to urge upon the churches composing this Association the importance of using greater effort to advance the interests of the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM JONES, *Chairman.*

Report on Periodicals.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals submit the following report:

For the promotion of harmony and union in the denomination to which we belong, it is desirable that in the State there should be one religious paper, the acknowledged organ of the denomination. Your Committee learn with pleasure, that since the last meeting of the Association, brethren McDaniel and Hendrickson have both given up their papers in favor of the Biblical Recorder, now published by the widow of our esteemed brother Meredith.

For the last ten months, the Recorder has been edited by brother T. W. Tobey, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Church. Your Committee, with pleasure, have learned that the course pursued by bro. Tobey in editing the Recorder, has given satisfaction to several sister Associations. They recommend that this Association request the Convention to appoint brother Tobey as editor of the Recorder.

They also recommend that the Pastors of our churches be requested to use their influence to increase the circulation of the paper lest it fail for want of patronage.

The Home and Foreign Journal, the organ of the Home and Foreign Boards, is well worthy of our patronage. It contains intelligence respecting Missions, of importance to every member of the church of Christ.

It is issued monthly and costs only twenty-five cents per year. Your committee recommend that each pastor endeavor to obtain as many subscribers to the Home and Foreign Journal as there are families connected with the churches to whom he preaches.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report of brother M. T. Yates.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, April, 1851.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

I rejoice in being permitted to greet you this year, under circumstances more favorable than those of the two previous years. For several months I have been entirely relieved of the distressing pain in my head and eyes, and now feel no inconvenience in those members, save that of weakness. Having had no return of the pain for so long a time, I am greatly encouraged to hope that I shall soon be entirely well, and permitted to resume my studies. Still he who "doeth all things well" knoweth what is best, both for me and for his cause, and with every wish for restored health, I would humbly say, "Father not my will but thine be done."

How swiftly time flies! It seems a very little while since I last wrote you, yet a whole year has passed away, carrying with it a record of our deeds, whether good or evil, that shall never be obliterated. How much does this consideration enhance the value of the present season; and with how loud and solemn a voice does it urge us for the time that remains, to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Again would I record the goodness of the Lord, for the past year has been fraught with loving kindness and tender mercies. Though all of us have not escaped sickness and disease, no one has been laid aside many days at a time, neither has death been allowed to break in upon our little circle.

We have been able to keep up regular Sabbath and week day preaching in the city with but little interruption, and also to make stated visits to the out-stations. For several months past, we have preached there on the second, third, and fourth Sabbaths in each month—brother Pearcy, brother Shuck and myself going in turn. The friendliness and simplicity of the people in that section lead us to hope that the seed we are now sowing will yet bring forth a rich harvest of praise to God. Nor have we confined our efforts to this one spot, but have gone into the villages, hamlets and towns round about, distributing christian books—explaining the doctrines to some, arguing with others, and persuading all to cast away their idols and bow to Jesus. With our comfortable mission boat, we sometimes make journeys of three or four days into the interior, by means of the numerous canals which intersect the country in every possible direction. On arriving at a city or town, we usually make our way into the principal temple, and there standing up before the chief idol—sometimes making a rostrum of the

table on which his offerings are laid—we tell the multitudes as Paul did the men of Athens, that God who made the world and all things therein, seeing he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with man's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and health, and all things; that he is not like unto gold, or silver, or stone, or wood, graven by art and man's device; neither such as they conceive their gods to be—full of cruelty and fury—but a God of infinite power, infinite wisdom, and infinite love. Wherever we go the people are friendly and polite, but deplorably ignorant, not only of the true religion, but also of the condition of all Adam's race, except their own immediate neighborhood.—In the towns there is an eager demand for our books; but a large proportion of the country people can't read. It is a rare thing to find a woman who can read. Some of the people say our doctrine is good, but too difficult to practice: others, that it is all the same as theirs, only called by a different name. Some warmly contend for the correctness of their own belief; others readily admit that idols are powerless. Some say, "your religion is very well for *you*, but ours is best for us." When the absurdity of their superstitious worship is pointed out, they say, "it must be so because it is Chinese custom." Others when urged to abandon idolatry and believe in Jesus, break off the argument with "we do believe, we do believe," little knowing, poor creatures, in what true faith consists. Some thinking only of the present life, want to know if by becoming Jesus' disciple they will always have rice to eat. Our servants and teachers sometimes get off by saying, "by and by, by and by, we do not yet fully understand this strange doctrine." But that they are not so wanting in knowledge as they pretend, is evident from the fact that they are always ready to spy out any inconsistencies in professing Christians, and say that such and such things "are contrary to Jesus' doctrines." A few there are, who with an appearance of sincerity, ask for further instruction.

BIBLES AND TRACTS.

In June of last year, the Committee appointed to revise the New Testament Scriptures, finished their work, and our mission resolved to give the New Version a trial, after such alterations as suit *our* views of the terms proper to be used for God, Holy Spirit and Baptism. In accordance with that resolution, five thousand copies of Matthew and the same of Mark and Luke have been printed, and a large number already distributed. John will soon be through the press also; making in all twenty thousand copies, at about an average cost of two cents apiece. Besides the gospels, we have published ten thousand copies of the Ten Commandments with commentary—Tract on the Deity, five thousand copies—Tract on Opium Smoking, ten thousand copies—also two sheet tracts and the Sabbath Calendar. Persons are frequently met with who tell us they have one or more of these books, and on questioning, we find they have more or less knowledge of the contents. Shanghai being a place of much trade, strangers from various parts of the em-

pire are constantly coming and going. One of these in pursuing the business which brought him to the city, happens to pass along the street on which our chapel stands, just as the bell is ringing and the door is thrown open for preaching. He sees a man in strange attire standing on the steps inviting people to come in. Full of wonder he gazes first at the Missionary and then at the chapel,—for he has never seen any thing like them before. He enters with the crowd, and the sexton conducts him to a seat. In fixed astonishment he gazes, wondering what all this can mean. At length, the house being filled, the Missionary walks up the aisle, takes his stand in the pulpit, and preaches of the love of God in giving his Son to die for sinful man; and at the close, gives to each of his hearers a book containing some portion of the Scriptures of truth. The wondering stranger takes his to his home far away—it may be a thousand miles in the interior—and it is handed from one to another of his friends and acquaintances, and who can tell the amount of good which that little tract may, by the blessing of God, be made to accomplish?

SCHOOLS.

Our mission has three day-schools. In all these are a few girls.—We are still of opinion that good may be done by this means—though less efficient than boarding-schools. If located where one of our number can look in frequently to see if the teacher is faithful, and to direct the studies of the children, as well as examine their progress, so much the better. Although over the country school only an occasional supervision can be exercised, still it has seemed best to continue it, as it gives us an influence with the parents of the children, and an introduction to the people of all that region, which we could not otherwise have. The number of scholars is 17. One of the little girls died a few days ago. The teacher still professes to be interested in the gospel, but as yet, gives no satisfactory evidence of a change of heart. He is very ready to *acknowledge* himself a sinner, but we fear he has never *felt* his lost condition and repented of his sins. It is encouraging however, that the man is willing to be taught, and we can only beseech the Spirit's teachings to accompany our poor attempts to enlighten his dark mind. The other schools are at the north and south gates of the city. The one at the south gate is on brother Pearcy's lot, and under his and sister Pearcy's daily inspection. It numbers, I think, fifteen regular scholars. The one at the north gate 18 scholars, Mrs. Yates has undertaken to look after. See-Seen-Sang, our only native church member, is the teacher. His knowledge of the Bible makes him a useful assistant to Mrs. Y. in her Sabbath-day exercises with the children.

Our little church numbers one less than when my last report was drawn up. I then mentioned to you the case of Wang-Uen-San, whom we hoped to make our mission printer. After getting his trade and doing one or two small jobs for us, the Sabbatarian Missionaries employed him to print a tract for them. They told him he had been taught

to keep the wrong Sabbath—that his pastor (brother Shuck) knew it was wrong, and only observed the first day because his friends in America would not support him unless he did. All this you will say was very charitable. But they did not stop there, and the affair ended in Wang's becoming a Sabbatarian. According to *his* story they promised to make a preacher out of him, and give him a liberal salary; whilst all *we* had ever held out to him was employing him to print our books and tracts, provided he did his work as cheap and as well as other printers. We are not sorry, however, the temptation was offered, for thereby we have got rid of one whose sole object in joining us was money, though up to that time he had striven, and successfully too, to hide his real character from us. He kept aloof, but sent in a letter requesting dismission from our church, alledging as a reason, that he could no longer *conscientiously* observe the christian Sabbath. On that very day some circumstances came to light, clearly revealing his dishonest principles, which I, as church clerk, communicated to Messrs. Carpenter and Wardner, but they thought we were persecuting the man "for the truth's sake," and refused to credit our testimony. So he was received into their church, and told to "go and exhort the brethren to come and do likewise." Two or three were sufficient to convince them that, even as we had stated, the man's motives were wholly sordid. They excommunicated him, since which time we have lost sight of him.

Would that I could now tell you of "anxious enquirers" and "hopeful converts," but the time has not yet come. Knowledge must first be spread. As yet, gross darkness covers the minds of the mass.—They think China is the greatest country in the world, and Chinese customs the best that could be instituted, applying the epithet "barbarian" to any and all of the unfortunate race of mankind who have not yet felt the transforming influence of the "Celestial Empire."—We must not expect those who have always depended on the observance of outward rites, to comprehend readily a system which is spiritual. We find that our preaching, simple and fundamental as it is, needs explanation. We exhort them to throw away their idols and worship Jehovah, but until this is explained, they think Jehovah is only another idol. In a recent excursion, I stopped in a tea-shop and preached. A man asked me if I had an image of our God. On my saying no, he was much surprised and said, if there was no image, he could not be a God. Sometimes in conversation they use expressions which are startingly sacriligious; for example: one of the workmen on my house, asked me the other day when I was going to preach again, adding, "the next time you see Jesus, give him my compliments."—Till the Holy Spirit shall shine in their hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ, they can have no just conceptions of an omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God. But it was with the hope that He would deign to be with us, and in our weakness show forth his perfect strength, that we came hither; and in this hope we are still toiling on, for faithful is He who

hath promised "my word shall not return unto me void." As ambassadors for Christ, we have endeavored faithfully to deliver the gospel message—we have urged them both in public and in private, to throw away their idols and bow to Jesus,—and yet they sleep on. Perhaps on hearing this you begin to feel discouraged, brethren, but is there nothing similar to this in christian lands? Do not ministers among you toil on from month to month, nay, sometimes from year to year, till discouraged and beginning to faint, you take up the lamentation, "who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" But what then? Do you give up? By no means; you go to the footstool of mercy, and with strong crying and tears pray, O Lord, revive thy work. And this is *our* only resource. Having yourselves passed through like trials, you will know how to sympathize with, and pray for us, who are now wading through deep waters. The blessed Savior when on earth, marvelled at the hardness of men's hearts, and wept over the inhabitants of Jerusalem, because they were blind to their own interests. If such was the experience of the Master, what else can his servants expect? Then, though to the natural eye, the prospect looks dark, we will not be discouraged. We will remember that Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth, and since he has sent us forth, it cannot be in vain. Brethren, I know that your prayers are united with ours in behalf of these perishing millions. O, let us plead more and more earnestly; and never cease to plead till the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them; for He whom we serve is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. Dr. Judson toiled for years before he gained a single convert; yet, look at the glorious results which have followed his patient, truthful perseverance.

Dear brethren and sisters, as my fancy pictures, you are gathered together at the appointed place, taking sweet counsel together. Memory runs back to those precious seasons when I was permitted to join in your songs of praise, and unite in your petitions at the throne of grace for a blessing upon our Association; and I feel that it would indeed be a sweet privilege, could I meet you thus again. But in the providence of God our Father, I am widely separated from you, and may not expect to see your faces again in the flesh. But it is a sweet thought, China is as near to Heaven as my own native America, and it matters but little where we are, so we have given ourselves to Christ, as co-workers with him in the work of saving lost sinners. I beg your prayerful remembrance of us day by day, that we may be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and to the utmost of our ability fulfill the trust committed to us. And I thank you with my whole heart, for your liberality to me and mine, since we came out from among you, to speak in your stead to this people, all the words of the book of life. Your contributions, as reported in the Minutes, have been regularly transmitted to us, by the Board at Richmond.—You have been up and doing, both for us who are far away, and for the destitute of our own State. Doubtless you find the blessedness of it in more ways than one, for God is pleased to reward every sincere at-

tempt to serve him. And doubtless the more you do for Christ, the more you *love* to do; realizing in your own experience, the truth of the declaration, "it is more blessed to give than receive." That a whole year has passed away since my last communication to you, reminds me that we have *one year less to work for Christ.* Let us "talk with our past hours." As stewards, let us examine our account. Have we left anything undone which we should have done? Have we given too much time to the world? Has any soul been lost through our neglect? Are any still in their sins, who might have been rejoicing in hope, if *we* had done our duty? Let us mourn over our unfaithfulness—let us not in word only, but in deed and in truth give ourselves to the work of saving souls from eternal death—let us more earnestly seek counsel from above, as to the best plans of doing good—let us keep near to God—let us not be satisfied without being daily with him, and thus shall we be transformed into his likeness, and the more we are like him, the more holy, and happy, and useful, we shall be. The longer I live the more do I think of individual responsibility; and I sometimes fear that most of our church members at home never consider that *they* have an influence, which, if rightly exerted, might save some impenitent sinner. I am afraid they rest satisfied with a regular attendance on the ordinances of the church, and contributing for the support of their pastor and other benevolent purposes, leaving the work of persuading sinners to be reconciled to God, to preachers. Oh! that to such I could speak with convincing argument. Oh! that I could stir them up to begin *at once* to make direct efforts for the conversion of one or more of the ungodly around them: for whether they feel it or not, there is a work for each follower of Christ to do. Follower of Christ, did I say? How can we call ourselves his followers, unless we copy his example in teaching the ignorant, and persuading sinners to forsake the error of their ways. O, how much we have to do, and what we would do for our own souls and for the souls of the unconverted, must be done quickly, for the time is short.

Some time last fall I received a box containing $11 40 worth of medicines, since which time I have been informed that they were paid for by the affectionate kindness of the Association, and beg now to return my greatful acknowledgment of the same. Bro. Tobey has transmitted to me the remainder of the collection, $7 70, which I shall endeavor to apply to some good purpose, as circumstances seem to require. Also, $2 30 contributed by several members of the Legislature for missionary purposes.

Perhaps there are some among you who would like to know how the money raised for my support is used. To enter into minute particulars would require more time than I can now command; I therefore take the liberty of appointing our brother Tobey to follow the reading of this letter with a speech explanatory of the manner in which I live, and the price of food, clothing, &c., &c. He is familiar with all these things, and any question you like you can ask. We are glad his lot is cast among you.

During this year I have received a letter from Cedar Fork church and one from Wake Forest College church, for which I beg to return sincere thanks, and to say, that the affectionate interest such letters manifest, greatly cheers and stimulates us in our work. Any information respecting the plans and operations of the Association, is gladly received, for I feel a more lively interest in its prosperity year by year. May the Lord preside in all your deliberations and make you to abound in every good word and work.

Mrs. Yates unites with me in love to all the dear brethren and sisters.

Greatfully, affectionately and fraternally yours,

MATTHEW T. YATES.

P. S. I omitted to mention particularly of health. Bro. Shuck's family, brother Pearcy and myself have had occasional attacks of chill and fever. Sister Shuck suffered much from debility. She is now at Ningpo for a change. Brother Pearcy is feeble, but usually able to be up. Sister Pearcy and sister H. Baker are well. Mrs. Yates never enjoyed better health in America.

Executive Committee's Report.

The Executive Committee on Home Missions present the following report:

About the middle of Nov., 1850, your Committee held a meeting in Raleigh, and employed the services of our beloved brother J. B. Jackson, as our missionary for six months at a salary of twenty dollars per month. He entered on his field of labor on the 17th of Nov. last, and labored principally in the county of Johnson for five and a half months, for which is due him one hundred and ten dollars, to pay which, the Committee have received the following sums, viz:

Wake Forest church,	$19 00	Salem,	2 75
Hephzibah,	12 25	Rolesville,	2 25
New Hope,	10 50	Mt. Pisgah,	10 50
Wake Union,	5 75	Bethesda,	25
Wake X Roads,	5 50	Wake Bethel,	2 50
Raleigh,	6 00	Mt. Moriah,	2 50
Mt. Vernon,	10 00	Johnson Liberty,	5 00
Cedar Fork,	9 50		
Holly Springs,	5 80	Total,	$110 05

In his report he presents many facts well calculated to show the importance of Home Missions, and encourage the heart and strengthen the hands to the work. In the bounds of our Association, there are entire neighborhoods wholly destitute of preaching of any kind. Others have no Baptist preaching, and others entertain the most *unreasonable and bitter aversion* to the Missionary Baptists. But through the labor of your Missionary, some of these destitute sections have heard the gospel, many families have been visited, and a great amount of prejudice removed; one church has been constituted, and we confidently believe

much good seed has been sown, the rich harvest of which will be gathered in days to come. We regard the work of Home Missions as lying at the foundation of the whole missionary enterprise. The supply of men to preach the gospel, at home and abroad, must begin here. The means for sustaining our foreign missionaries must be derived from strong and faithful churches here. Hence success in the labors of our missionaries at home, is a sure presage and pledge of constant and unremitting support of all the missionary and benevolent enterprizes sanctioned by the church at home and in foreign lands. There are many important posts in our field, as an Association, which should at once be occupied; and the committee earnestly recommend that proper measures, to secure the object, be promptly adopted and perseveringly pursued. There is a solemn pertinence in the admonition that we are passing away and others will soon enter into our labors. Brethren, let us not cease in our efforts or lay aside our armor until sin is dethroned and universal and permanent peace and prosperity is secured to the church.

P. W. DOWD, *Chairman.*

Report of Yates Committee.

Received from the churches,	$551 30
Sabbath collection,	21 25
Sanders Norris,	5 00
Rev. E. Holland and wife,	10 00
Collections from first section Union Meetings,	10 03
Josiah Gay,	75
Daniel Gardner,	50
John P. Cook,	5 00
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JAMES S. PURIFY, *Chairman.*

Additional receipts not previously mentioned.

From Cedar Fork for China Bible,	$15 15
From New Hope for Home Missions and paid to the Agent of the Convention,	15 00

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Proceedings.

September 18th, 1860.

The rain fell in such incessant showers during all the forenoon, that the delegates did not assemble.

Sept. 19th, 11 A. M.

The Moderator being absent, by request Elder A. D. Blackwood took the chair during the organization of the body.

The churches were called and the names of the delegates present were enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Hepzibah,	Charles Horton, Jesse Bunch.
Rolesville,	S. Walker, J. C. Lee.
Wake X Roads,	Solomon Pace, Carney Upchurch.
Lee's Chapel,	J. W. Ballentine, Rufus Kemp.
Wake Union,	I. Winston, Calvin Mitchell.
Mt. Vernon,	P. Dunn, B. W. Justice.
New Hope,	Rufus Ivey, H. W. Buffalow.
Hopkin's Chapel,	M. S. Williams, H. H. Wray.
Raleigh	John Armstrong.
Cedar Fork,	Wesley Marcom, Hiram Weatherspoon.
Mt. Pisgah,	C. R. Scott, J. Horton,
Salem,	A. K. Clements, Carlos Yates.
Shady Grove,	W. H. Womble.
Holly Spring,	Green Beckwith, C. H. Beckwith.
Rose of Sharon,	Represented by Letter.
Mt. Zion,	No representation.
Olive's Chapel	G. A. Holland, Amos Williams.
Wake Bethel,	Weston Parker, James Weathers.
Mt. Moriah,	A. J. Poole, J. R. Richardson.
Johnson Liberty,	Stanford Creech, George H. Broughton.
Bethesda,	S. Godwin, N. L. Barnes.
Smithfield,	Alfred Holland.
Neill's Creek,	William Blalock, J. C. Blalock.
Piney Grove,	A. W. Betts, W. H. Holland.
Cumberland Union,	J. D. Lanear, Wm. H. Holmes.
Friendship,	Represanted by letter.
Antioch,	Represented by letter.
Mt. Pleasant,	No representation.
Prospect,	No representation.
Ephesus,	W. J. Holleman, Joseph J. King.
Mt. Hermon,	J. Q. Adams, Solomon Wiggins.
Samaria,	Burtis Cone, William Cone.
Archer Lodge,	J. Robertson, J. I. Bonds.
Shiloh,	Jesse Wheeler, Osborn Johnson.
Johnson Antioch,	John Woody, Robertson Stancell.

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Ministers present, ex-officio members of the Association—J. J. James, L. B. Horton, T. E. Skinner, J. S. Purefoy, A. D. Blackwood, M. G. Todd, Stinceon Ivey, John W. Judd.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator. Brethren C. Upchurch and B. W. Justice, by request, superintending the election, who reported the election to that office of Elder J. S. Purefoy.

On motion, D. B. Holland was re-elected Clerk *viva voce.*

Visiting brethren were, on motion, invited to take seats with us, and participate in our deliberations.

Elder W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College; Elder C. P. Bogert, Agent for the American Bible Union; Elder E. A. Poe, from the Tar River Association, and Elder R. B. Jones appeared, and accepted the invitation.

Financial committees were appointed as follows:

On the Association fund—B. W. Justice and A. K. Clements.

On Mission and Colportage funds—A. W. Betts and S. Ivey.

Elders T. E. Skinner and A. D. Blackwood were appointed reading Clerks.

The letters from the different churches were called for and read.

A letter was read from the newly-constituted church at Shiloh, Johnston county, asking admission into this Association, and after due deliberation, on motion that church was received into our Union.

A letter was also read from the newly constituted church at Johnson Antioch, when Elder L. B. Horton stated that he was one of the presbytery at the constitution of that church, and assured the Association of its orthodoxy; whereupon, it was, on motion, made a constituent member of this body, and a cordial welcome to seats with us was extended to the delegates from both the churches by the Moderator.

On motion, the Deacons of Wake X Roads church and bro. Carlos Yates were appointed a committee on religious exercises during our meeting.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Arrangements—D. B. Holland, J. J. James, and S. Ivey.

On motion, Elder Skinner was invited to address the Association on the subject of Female Education immediately after recess to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Elder James, committees were appointed to report on the different subjects as follows:

On the objects of the B. S. Convention—Elders B. F. Marable, W. M. Wingate, and L. B. Horton.

On Periodicals—Elder Stinceon Ivey, I. Winston, and Wesley Marcom.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder A. D. Blackwood, Charles Horton and G. Beckwith.

On Temperance—Elder W. A. Atkinson, A. K. Clements, and A. J. Poole.

A motion by Elder Skinner to appoint a committee on the religious condition of our slaves, was carried. Committee—Elders J. J. James, T. E. Skinner, and Wm. Blalock.

The committee of Arrangements reported. The report was adopted.

Elder T. E. Skinner delivered an able address on the subject of Female Education, and the establishment of a Female High School in the City of Raleigh.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Elder W. A. Atkinson, John Ferill, and William Davies from Flat River; S. S. Biddle from Union, and S. D. Bevis from Tar River Association, appeared and were welcomed by the Moderator.

The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum was, on motion, omitted at this time.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow.—Prayer by Elder S. Ivey.

September 19th, 10 A. M.

The Association met. A throne of grace was addressed by Elder Willie A. Atkinson, after which the names of the delegates were called.

The Treasurer reported, and the report was received. (See Appendix.)

On motion, D. B. Holland was appointed Treasurer of this Association.

Corresponding delegates to sister Associations were, on motion, called on to report. Brother I. Winston reported the attendance of himself and Elder J. S. Purefoy at the Flat River Association. Brethren I. Winston and R. Trawick attended the Tar River. Brethren William Yates and M. D.

Williams attended the Sandy Creek. Elder J. J. James and J. K. Purefoy attended the Union, and Elders J. J. James and J. S. Purefoy attended the Pamlico Association.

Corresponding messengers were then appointed as follows:

To Flat River—J. S. Purefoy, J. J. James, I. Winston and B. W. Justice.

To Tar River Association—Elders J. S. Purefoy, J. S. Walthall, T. E. Skinner, L. B. Horton, and brethren I. Winston and Robert Trawick.

To the Beulah Association—Elders J. J. James and T. E. Skinner, and brethren Hiram Weatherspoon and A. W. Betts.

To Sandy Creek—Elders A. D. Blackwood, T. E. Skinner, J. Olive, and brethren G. Beckwith, D. B. Holland, and M. D. Williams.

To the Union—Elders Thomas E. Skinner, J. S. Walthall, and J. J. James.

To the Pamlico Association—Elders J. J. James, J. S. Walthall, and J. S. Purefoy.

A motion was unanimously carried that this body correspond with the Cedar Creek Association, and Elder J. S. Walthall, brethren A. W. Betts, J. D. Lanear, J. H. Matthews, Wm. Blalock and William Williams were appointed delegates to attend the meeting of that body, and the Clerk was ordered to prepare a letter of correspondence for them.

A committee was then appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention, viz: A. K. Clements, Elder A. D. Blackwood, and A. W. Betts.

The committee of Finance reported the reception of $59.03, contributions to the Association fund. The report was received, and the committee was ordered to pay the same over to the Treasurer. For details see statistical table.

The committee on the objects of the Baptist State Convention was called on to report, but by request that report was deferred till 2 o'clock.

The committee on Temperance reported, and after some slight amendments, and a very interesting discussion the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Association took a recess of half an hour. Benediction by Elder Skinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing a hymn, the Association was called to order, and the committee on delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following delegates:

Life Members—Elder P. W. Dowd, Calvin Mitchell.

Members—Allen Betts, George H. Broughton, Troy Bawcomb, A. R. Perry, J. C. Lee, N. R. Watkins, Orin Churchill, William A. Barbee, M. S. Ferill, Isaac Winston, Elder Johnson Olive, D. H. Holland, William D. Scarborough, Green High, William H. Womble, Elder T. E. Skinner, G. B. Bagwell, A. W. Betts, Green Beckwith, Daniel Scarborough, Sr., Elder J. J. James, W. J. Holleman, and D. B. Holland.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and after due deliberation the same was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The committee on the objects of the Baptist State Convention reported, and after a very able and interesting discussion, in which Elders Marable, Wingate, Skinner, Blackwood, and brethren Justice and Armstrong participated, the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The committee on Periodicals reported, and after due discussion was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Association adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Atkinson.

September 20th, 9 A. M.

The delegates assembled, and after singing a hymn, prayer was offered by brother A. W. Betts.

The proceedings of the Association were read.

The committee on funds for Missions and Colportage reported. The report was received, and will appear in the Appendix.

The committee on the religious condition of our slaves reported, and the report, after due deliberation and a discussion participated in by Elder James, B. W. Justice, and Elder Skinner, was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The trustees of Holly Spring High School reported. The report was received, and may be seen by reference to the Appendix.

The committee of last Association to confer with the Trustees of Holly Spring High School reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

A motion by brother A. W. Betts that the school property belonging to the Association at Holly Spring, be sold to pay off the debts of the institution, was negatived.

A motion by Elder Blackwood, that the right of the prop-

erty be relinquished into the hands of the trustees to dispose of as they think best, was withdrawn.

Bro. Hiram Weatherspoon moved, (after various amendments, which were accepted by the original mover,) that the property belonging to the Association for Holly Spring High School be sold, by the trustees of said School, to the highest bidder, who will apply the same strictly and entirely to the purposes of a Baptist School, and if it should be converted to any other purpose, all title shall revert to the trustees of this Association, as before the sale. Which motion was carried. The Association then took a recess of half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Executive committee was called on to report; but no one of the committee being present, no report was received.

Elder S. Ivey moved that this Association now proceed to the appointment of a Missionary and Colporter to labor within her bounds, which motion was carried; and on motion, a committee, consisting of Elders T. E. Skinner and S. Ivey and Brother P. Dunn, was appointed to have a consultation on the matter, and recommend some suitable man who will serve, and at what price, and report as early as practicable.

On motion by brother A. W. Betts, the following brethren were appointed an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Elder A. D. Blackwood, G. B. Allen, A. W. Betts, Hiram Weatherspoon, and William Yates.

On motion by B. W. Justice, the committee on Mission funds was ordered to pay the money for Home Missions and Colportage over to the Executive Committee, and that for Foreign Missions and Education to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the next meeting of this body is appointed to be held with the church at Holly Spring.

Elder A. D. Blackwood moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, There is a disposition manifested by a portion of the delegates composing this Association, to change the time and the day of commencing the Association, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association in future shall commence on Friday after the first Sabbath in October.

Elder Skinner offered an amendment to the resolution, substituting Tuesday for Friday.

A. W. Betts offered an amendment to the amendment, fixing the time on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September.

Bro. Betts' amendment was negatived.

Bro. A. K. Clements offered an amendment, fixing the time on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in September, which amendment was adopted; and the question on the adoption of the resolution as amended was decided in the affirmative. So the time remains as it was.

On motion by Bro. J. Wheeler, Elder Stinceon Ivey was appointed to preach the Denominational Introductory Sermon at next Association, and Elder A. D. Blackwood his alternate.

Elder P. W. Dowd was appointed to preach the annual Missionary Sermon, and Elder J. S. Purefoy his alternate.

The committee to recommend a Home Missionary and Colporter, reported the name of Dr. Young, who is willing to serve for $400 per annum.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

Bro. A. W. Betts moved that the employment of missionaries and colporters be referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to the committee to request the Superintendent of Colportage in North Carolina to send us two colporters, and that we agree to pay their salaries. The motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Elder Skinner,

Resolved, That while we regret to learn that some of the churches have asked for letters of dismission, we instruct the Clerk of the Association to grant letters to all churches asking for the same.

After the adoption of the above resolution, Elder Skinner moved that the Clerk of this Association be authorized to grant letters of dismission to all those churches which may apply for the same between this and the next meeting of this body. Negatived.

On motion of B. W. Justice, the Clerk was instructed to have thirteen hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distribute them in ratio of the amount contributed, and that they be deposited, for distribution, at the office of the Biblical Recorder; and the Clerk is allowed $15 for his services.

On motion of Elder S. Ivey, the vote refusing to authorize the Clerk to grant letters of dismission to churches applying for the same was reconsidered, and after some discussion that authority was granted to the Clerk.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. A. W. Betts, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Wake Cross Roads, for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of the Association.

After some very appropriate remarks by the Moderator,

On motion, adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

Prayer by Elder Skinner.

J. S. PUREFOY, Moderator, Forestville, N. C.

D. B. HOLLAND, Clerk, Holly Spring, N. C.

Appendix.

REPORT ON B. S. CONVENTION.

The Baptist State Convention invites your co-operation and assistance in the high and holy work of Missions. The State Convention is an annual meeting of Baptists for Missionary purposes. It is designed for this great object—that is, that the Baptist *Churches* of North Carolina may work *together* in spreading the gospel. Each Church is a Missionary body. The true question then is, not whether your Church will do *anything*, but whether you will act alone, or in concert with your Brethren throughout the State. If you desire to join your forces with others, the Convention presents the best organization for this purpose. Its objects are four, viz:

1.—Colportage.

This is a work for our own homes. It is the Gospel taking possession of the printing press, and bending it to the service of God—compelling the most powerful agency known to man to become a means of salvation. Every lover of Christ loves Colportage when he comes to know and understand it.

2.—State Missions.

Many parts of our beloved State are neglected by other Missionary bodies, and are appealing to the Convention for help. Here is a great work that the Convention only can perform. It is beyond the reach of Associations and Churches.

3.—Foreign Missions.

Our fields of Foreign labor are ripe to the harvest, and new ones are opening. It is expected that other brethren besides Bro. Yates will leave our good State to labor in foreign fields. Let us be ready to support him, and all others who may go. Let North Carolina send continual greeting to the heathen.

4.—Ministerial Education.

Churches are calling for preachers, Associations are calling, the whole State is crying aloud for men to preach the word. If God has called one to preach, he ought to preach any how;

but you know that many are kept back in this age by the want of education. Your own sons and your neighbors' children are in many cases called to preach, and only wait for mental improvement. Send them all to Wake Forest, and do what you can for their support. If they are pious, and licensed by their Churches, the Convention will educate them. We want every young minister in the State to have the advantages of a course of study at our College.

On Pastors mainly depends the success of this work. To them we appeal.

B. F. MARABLE, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals and Publications, beg leave to report that it is much to be regretted that our denominational publications are not more generally circulated among the masses—especially the *Biblical Recorder*, which has been, during the last twelve months, considerably enlarged and much improved every way. This paper is a faithful exponent of Baptist, or rather *Gospel truth*, and should be in every Baptist family in this Association, and in the State. Your committee would suggest that greater effort be put forth on the part of the brethren to increase the circulation of the *Recorder*.

Your committee would also recommend the *Home & Foreign Journal* and the *Commission*, with the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and the South Western Publishing House, as valuable denominational works, highly worthy of a much more extended circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. IVEY, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee submit the following:—The subject of Sabbath Schools has been under our consideration, and we regret that so few of the churches are engaged in this good work. Much good might be accomplished by this instrumentality, in training the rising generation. When we look at the large number of children in the country, that are running over the fields and forests or on the creeks fishing on the Sabbath, our hearts are made to quail under the great responsi-

bility resting upon the churches in the neglect of their duty in the Sabbath School. But there are many difficulties in the way in our churches that must be overcome, which your committee feel unable to devise a way by which it may be done. First, the want of suitable persons for teachers, and a want of punctuality in the attendance of the children to keep up a school. We would, however, recommend that every church in the bounds of this Association make a more vigorous effort to organize and keep up a Sabbath School, (where they have not one,) for the training of the children of their congregations; and not only teaching them something, but keeping them from the great evil of Sabbath breaking.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. BLACKWOOD, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

That intemperance is one of the greatest evils in our country, will be admitted by all who reflect upon its influences. What is it that causes so much trouble and distress in our churches? The use of ardent spirits. There is not a true Christian, whose heart has not been pained by its baneful influence. What is it that makes our courts long and expensive? The intoxicating cup. All who mingle in society must admit the startling truth that this monster evil is now making rapid progress in our country, the old and young participate together, in the awful poison which has been scattered broadcast over our land. The question is now what can be done to promote the cause of temperance and reform?

For the last 30 years some feeble efforts have been made, temperance societies of various forms have been introduced in our land, but the influence has been of short duration. If all these influences have failed, the question is still, What can be done? The opinion of your committee is, that this reform must be brought about by the Church of Jesus Christ, relying upon the mercies of God. The Church has never used her influence directly against this evil, as she should do. Let every church-member be strictly temperate, and use all his or her influence in this glorious reform, and we shall see the cause prospering among us. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to all the churches, and to every member of each church, to use all their influence to promote this reform.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches, that they excommunicate every member against whom the charge of drunkenness is proved.

W. A. ATKINSON, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON THE RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF OUR SLAVES.

The committee on the Religious Condition of our Slaves beg leave to report.

The relation of the master to the slave is similar, in many respects, to that of the parent to the child. The relation is one of dependence, which necessarily creates obligation,—on the one hand to protect and bless the inferior and dependent; on the other hand to render faithful service throughout an obedient life to the master. To all masters it may be said, teach your slaves the religion of Jesus Christ. But to the christian master, it is not merely a matter of interest, but a solemn religious duty to see that his slave is taught the doctrines of Christianity. Why send your missionary to Africa, and neglect the African among us? The obligation is one which cannot be delegated to another. The master must alone be answerable for the want of religious advantages among his slaves. In a great degree the master is responsible for the peace and happiness of the soul of his slave.—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend that the churches provide facilities for slaves hearing the Gospel, and that where Sabbath Schools exist, that the slaves be orally instructed in the doctrines of Christianity by brethren who are competent to do so. They also recommend that Ryland's or Winkler's catechism be used.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. E. SKINNER, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON HOLLY SPRING HIGH SCHOOL.

The School is still under the care of Mr. A. H. Dowell upon the same conditions as last year, viz: he takes the School for the profit of the same. The School is doing perhaps as great good now as at any previous period of its existence. The debt remains the same as stated last year with the interest added to it. We have not ascertained the precise amount of indebtedness; but including interest and principle, it is $500, or perhaps a small amount over that sum. Acting under the instruction of the committee of your body, the trustees appointed an agent to visit the churches composing your body, and solicit funds for the liquidation of the above debt; but that agent only conditionally accepted the appointment, and subsequently found it impracticable for him to perform the duties of that agency: consequently, nothing has been done,

in that direction, for the payment of the debt. We most respectfully submit the necessity of some provision for its immediate liquidation.

D. B. HOLLAND, Sec'y Board.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of your body to meet with the trustees of Holly Spring High School, and enquire into the title of the School property and devise means for the payment of the debts of the School, ask leave to report that the title to the property is indisputable. And as regards the payment of the debts of the School, the committee in connection with the trustees, after due deliberation upon the subject, appointed an agent to visit the churches of the Association and solicit funds for that purpose; who, however, only partially accepted the appointment, and subsequently found it impracticable to perform the duty assigned him. Consequently, nothing has been effected towards the accomplishment of that object. And your committee asks to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. ALLEN, Ch'mn.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1860.

D. B. Holland, *Treasurer*,

To Raleigh Association, Dr.

By amount in hand, 1859,		$ 8 98
" " received from Finance committee 1859,		56 88
		$65 86
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By amount paid for printing Minutes,	$38 00	
" " " " Clerk's fee,	15 00	53 00
Now in the treasury,		$12 86

D. B. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION FUNDS, ETC.

The committee of Finance for Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Colportage, report that they have received from

	Education.	Home Missions and Colpo'age.	Foreign Missions.
Wake Union,	$ 8 00	$12 00	$43 00
Mt. Pisgah,	8 50	32 00	26 50
Shady Grove,			16 00
Olive's Chapel,			6 00
Mt. Hermon,		6 00	
Mt. Moriah,		11 00	5 78
Johnson Liberty,		1 00	10 00
Bethesda,		5 00	2 00
Piney Grove,			13 25
Antioch,			1 50
Raleigh,			29 22
Rolesville,		15 10	20 00
Holly Spring,			22 00
A Friend,			5 00
A Friend,			5 00
A. W. Betts,			5 00
Mrs. Lassiter,		2 00	
	$16 50	$84 10	$210 25

Respectfully submitted,

STINCEON IVEY, Ch'mn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RALEIGH ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
James P. Mason,	Chapel Hill,	N. C.
Solomon Terill,	Raleigh,	"
Stinceon Ivey,	Auburn,	"
James C. Marcom,	Holly Spring,	"
Jesse Howell,	Green Level,	"
Topley Bowlin,	Green Level,	"
Ellen Mecom,	Earpsboro,	"
Henderson Hocut,	Earpsboro,	"
James W. F. Rogers,	Holly Spring,	"
L. B. Horton,	Eagle Rock,	"
Mark Nowell,	Eagle Rock,	"
Moses G. Todd,	Eagle Rock,	"
Samuel Wilder,	Auburn,	"
M. D. Freeman,	Wakefield,	"
John W. Judd,	Holly Spring,	"
Johnson Olive,	Holly Spring,	"
T. E. Skinner,	Raleigh,	"
J. S. Walthall,	Raleigh,	"
J. J. James,	Raleigh,	"
John F. Ellington,	Clayton,	"
P. W. Dowd,	Carey,	"
Samuel Brown,	Chalk Level,	"
S. Senter,	Chalk Level,	"
J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville,	"

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Thomas W. Young,	Morrisville,	N. C.
Weston Parker,	Raleigh,	"
Green Mills,	Green Level,	"
W. C. Nowell,	Forestville,	"
M. S. Williams,	Pacific,	"
J. J. King,	Raleigh,	"
Hiram Weatherspoon,	Cedar Fork,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.		Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Blacks.	Total.	Association fund.
	1st Section.														
1	Hepzibah,	P. W. Dowd,	William Underhill,	Eagle Rock,	N. C.	2	..	..	9	4	6	310	143	453	$ 3 00
2	Rolesville,	P. W. Dowd,	John L. Terrill,	Rolesville,	"	...	4	..	4	2	..	...	...	222	2 00
3	Wake X Roads,	A. D. Blackwood,	John T. Weathers,	Rolesville,	"	65	..	1	10	1	1	176	57	233	2 50
4	Lee's Chapel,	L. B. Horton,	B. L. Mecom,	Earpsboro,	"	15	..	..	16	4	2	138	29	166	2 00
5	Wake Union,	P. W. Dowd,	Michael Thompson,	Forestville,	"	7	1	..	8	1	4	...	...	135	2 05
6	Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	John H. Bell,	Raleigh,	"	36	1	1	10	1	1	133	68	201	1 50
7	New Hope,	W. T. Walters,	Wm. G. Strickland, Jr.,	Raleigh,	"	11	4	1	1	1	..	72	15	87	1 53
8	Hopkin's Chapel,	M. D. Freeman,	Joseph F. Hopkins,	Wakefield,	"	...	1	..	..	..	1	29	3	32	1 50
9	Samaria,	L. B. Horton,	Berry Denton,	Stanhope,	"	1	..	..	..	2	2	61	24	85	2 00
10	Johnson Antioch,	Henderson Hocut,	J. D. Woody,	St. Charles,	"	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	18	50
	2nd Section.														
11	Raleigh,	T. E. Skinner,	J. H. Alford,	Raleigh,	"	5	11	..	13	6	3	225	190	415	2 00
12	Cedar Fork,	A. D. Blackwood,	Sidney Scott,	Cedar Fork,	"	1	1	..	4	2	..	224	41	265	2 00
13	Mt. Pisgah,	P. W. Dowd,	C. R. Scott,	Green Level,	"	...	..	..	4	3	2	205	10	215	2 00
14	Salem,	Jesse Howell,	T. T. Holland,	Green Level,	"	4	1	..	3	2	1	153	24	177	1 55
15	Shady Grove,	J. C. Wilson,	D. H. Gardner,	New Hill,	"	27	3	..	4	2	..	174	11	185	2 50
16	Holly Spring,	J. C. Wilson,	D. B. Holland,	Holly Spring,	"	...	3	..	1	3	5	158	65	223	3 00
17	Rose of Sharon,	James C. Marcom,	William G. Vickers,	Durham's,	"	...	2	..	1	1	..	69	3	72	1 65
18	Mt. Zion, in 1859,													30	
19	Olive's Chapel,	Jesse Howell,	J. C. Ragan,	Green Level,	"	3	2	..	1	5	1	149	27	175	2 00

20 Ephesus,	Johnson Olive,	J. S. Holleman,	Raleigh,	"	1	5	..	..	..	1	39	3	42	1 00
21 Mt. Hermon,	Jeptha H. Laiton,	J. Q. Adams,	Morrisville,	"	2	..	..	..	1	1	61	15	76	1 25
3rd Section.														
22 Wake Bethel,	Johnson Olive,	S. G. Dupree,	Raleigh,	"	3	..	..	2	3	1	44	26	70	1 00
23 Mt. Moriah,	Johnson Olive,	A. J. Poole,	Auburn,	"	18	4	..	5	1	3	113	29	142	2 00
24 Shiloh,	Stinceon Ivey,	D. H. Holland,	Not known,		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2 00
25 Johnson Liberty,	Stinceon Ivey,	W. H. McCullers,	Clayton,	"	..	2	..	11	3	..	90	45	135	2 00
26 Bethesda,	John F. Ellington.	N. L. Barnes,	Clayton,	"	17	1	..	..	..	..	45	1	46	1 50
27 Smithfield,	Samuel Wait,	Alfred Holland,	Smithfield,	"	5	2	3	8	2	..	..	..	122	2 00
28 Archer Lodge,	L. B. Horton,	J. H. Robertson,	Creechville,	"	2	..	..	..	1	..	40	4	44	2 00
4th Section.														
29 Neil's Creek	Jesse Howell,	Thomas Matthews,	Kenney's Creek,	"	7	..	..	11	5	3	129	34	163	2 00
30 Piney Grove,	J. C. Marcom,	J. C. Balentine,	Holly Spring,	"	4	2	..	6	2	1	141	14	155	2 00
31 Cumberland Union,	Samuel Brown,	J. D. Lanier,	Chalk Level,	"	3	4	..	..	..	1	86	2	88	2 00
32 Friendship,	J. C. Marcom,	Y. S. Byrd,	Bunn's Level,	"	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	2 00
33 Antioch,	J. C. Marcom,	William Salmon, Sr.,	Northington,	"	..	4	..	1	..	..	43	..	43	1 00
34 Mt. Pleasant, in 1854,					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	
35 Prospect, in 1856,					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	
Total,					244	58	6	133	58	40	3750	883	4633	$59 03

MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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NEW BETHEL, WAKE CO., N. C.,

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Officers of the Association.

ELDER JAMES S. PUREFOY, Moderator.
D. B. HOLLAND, Clerk.
ELDER A. D. BLACKWOOD, J. C. MARCOM, } Reading Clerks.

TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

James C. Marcom,	Johnson Olive,	H. Weatherspoon,
M. H. Allen,	A. B. Booker,	Stephen Senter,
James S. Purefoy,	John F. Ellington,	J. S. Williams.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. D. Blackwood,	Carlos Yates,	W. S. King,
William Yates,	Green Beckwith,	

TRUSTEES OF HOLLY SPRING HIGH SCHOOL.

Daniel Scarborough,	Michael Thompson,	William Balentine,
William Yates,	John L. Terrill,	Thomas Lockhart,
Isaac Winston,	Henry O. Parker,	A. Leslie,
James Adams,	A. W. Betts,	James Rogers,
Alsey Holland,	K. Jones,	Johnson Olive,
P. W. Dowd,	J. C. Wilson,	Allen Betts,
Daniel B. Holland,	H. Weatherspoon,	A. G. Jones,
Green Beckwith,	Carney Upchurch,	Isaac Hunter,
M. D. Williams,	P. F. Pescud,	Alvin Jones,
D. S. Williams,	Jno. M. Richardson,	Bennet Holland.
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Proceedings.

New Bethel, Sept. 23rd, 1862.

Elder A. D. Blackwood preached the Introductory discourse, founded on Job, 17. 9: "The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the delegates reassembled and a throne of grace was addressed by Elder J. D. Hufham.

The former Moderator, Elder J. S. Purefoy, being present, on motion, Elders A. D. Blackwood and J. C. Marcom were appointed Reading Clerks.

The churches were then called and the letters handed in and read, and the following delegates were reported present:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Hepzibah	Daniel Scarborough, M. G. Todd.
Rolesville	A. R. Perry, James C. Lee.
Wake Cross Roads	John T. Withers, Joseph A. Peebles.
Lee's Chapel	D. H. Bunn, Calvin Richardson.
Wake Union	Calvin Holden, Calvin A. Mitchell.
Hopkin's Chapel	No representation.
Cedar Fork	John R. Marcom, Needham Stone.
Mt. Pisgah	John Horton, Matthew J. Ferrill.
Salem	William H. Beckwith.
Shady Grove	Holaway Olive, J. Z. Bennett.
Holly Spring	J. C. Booker, C. H. Beckwith.
Rose of Sharon	John N. Cheed, Benjamin Marcom.
Mt. Zion	No representation.
Olive's Chapel	George A. Holland.
New Bethel	H. O. Parker, William Rand,
Mt. Moriah	Calvin Poole, Hardie Poole.
Johnston Liberty	Needham Bryant, W. W. Gulley.
Bethesda	James H. Jones, Stephen Godwin.
Smithfield	Alfred Holland, B. J. Wellons.
Neill's Creek	No representation.
Piney Grove	W. H. Stinson, Allen Betts.
Cumberland Union	J. D. Lanear, J. A. Senter.
Friendship	J. S. Williams.
Antioch	William Salmon, Jr., Ruffin Hunt.
Mt. Pleasant	No representation.
Prospect	No representation.
Ephesus	James Q. Williams, W. S. King.
Mt. Hermon	John Q. Adams, A. M. Adams.
Samaria	Burtis Cone.
Archer Lodge	H. L. Barns, John J. Barnes.
Shiloh	D. H. Holland, Osborne Johnson.
Johnson Antioch	Letter.
Eores	William C. Mason, John E. Mason.

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Ordained ministers of this Association, present, were Elders James S. Purefoy, S. Ivey, A. D. Blackwood, James C. Marcom and M. G. Todd.

The Association proceeded to ballot for a Moderator, Brethren D. H. Holland and H. O. Parker, by request, acting as tellers. Elder J. S. Purefoy was chosen Moderator.

On motion by Elder S. Ivey, Daniel B. Holland was elected Clerk, *viva voce*.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

Elder S. Ivey moved that there be no preaching on to-morrow except the missionary sermon, and that all our deliberations on to-morrow be in the meeting house. The motion was carried.

An invitation was given to corresponding messengers from sister Associations to take seats with us. Whereupon Elders Thomas E. Skinner and J. D. Huf ham and Brethren R. Trawick and David Justice, from the Central Association, accepted the invitation, and were cordially received.

Elder M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appeared and accepted a seat with us; and a motion that Bro. Sumner have an opportunity to address the body on the subject of Domestic Missions immediately after recess to-morrow, was carried.

On motion by Elder A. D. Blackwood, the following committees were appointed, viz:

On Finance—Brethren D. H. Holland and J. C. Lee.

On Mission Funds—Elder S. Ivey and Alfred Holland.

On Religious Exercise—Brethren Louis DuPree, William Rand and H. O. Parker.

On the Baptist State Convention—Elder J. C. Marcom and Jesse Wheeler.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder J. D. Huf ham and D. Scarborough.

On Periodicals—Elder A. D. Blackwood and Brother C. H. Beckwith.

On Temperance—Elder M. G. Todd and Bro. W. S. King.

On Arrangement—The Moderator and Clerk and Bro. J. Q. Adams.

On motion by Elder S. Ivey, a committee was appointed on Army Colportage, and the Moderator announced on that committee Elder A. D. Blackwood and Bro. J. Q. Williams.

The Moderator then called on corresponding delegates to sister Associations to report, which was done as follows:

Of the delegates appointed to Flat River Association, Elder J. S. Purefoy and Brother I. Winston attended, and were cordially received.

To Tar River no attendance was reported.

To Beulah—No one attended.

To Sandy Creek—No one attended and reported.

To Union—There was no attendance that was reported.

To Pamlico and Cedar Creek—No attendance reported.

To Central—Bro. I. Winston attended.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9 1-2 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder S. Ivey.

Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1862. 9 1-2 a. m.

After prayer by Elder Todd, the names of the delegates were called and the proceedings of yesterday read.

Elders John F. Ellington and P. W. Dowd appeared and took seats in the Association.

Elder N. B. Cobb, corresponding messenger from the Pamlico Association, also appeared and took a seat with the body.

The committee on Arrangement reported, and after some slight amendment the report was received and adopted.

The Rules of Order were read.

The Treasurer reported, and his report was received, and may be seen by reference to the Appendix, [H].

Daniel B. Holland was re-appointed Treasurer.

The committee of last meeting to sell the school property reported, and after various remarks by different brethren, on motion by Elder Blackwood, the report was laid on the table.

The committee on Army Colportage reported, and pending the motion to adopt said report, the Association called off to listen to the annual Missionary sermon, which was then delivered in the presence of a large and very intelligent congregation by Elder J. S. Purefoy, from Romans, 10th chapter, 13th, 14th, and part of the 15th verses: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Elder N. B. Cobb followed with some very stirring and highly appropriate remarks on the subject of Army Colpor-

tage, after which a collection was taken for that object, amounting to $114 45.

A recess of half an hour was taken.

EVENING SESSION.

After prayer by Elder J. K. Howell, who had just, on invitation, taken a seat as a visitor, the report of the committee on Army Colportage was adopted. (See Appendix, A.)

In accordance with our arrangement yesterday, Bro. M. T. Sumner was invited to address the body on the subject of his mission, which he proceeded to do in an address, thrilling and practical, replete with facts and arguments to show the importance of Domestic Missions generally, but more especially at this time of Army Missions. At the close of the address a collection of $85 was made for that object.

The Association then proceeded to appoint corresponding delegates to sister Associations, as follows:

To Flat River Association—Elders J. C. Marcom, J. S. Purefoy, and Brethren I. Winston and Moses H. Allen.

To Tar River—Elders J. S. Purefoy, M. G. Todd, A. D. Blackwood and Brother Burtis H. Cone.

To Beulah—Elder S. Ivey, and Brethren Jesse Wheeler and M. S. Ferrill.

To Sandy Creek—Daniel B. Holland.

To Union—Elders A. D. Blackwood, S. Ivey and Brother Alfred Holland.

To Pamlico—Elders J. S. Purefoy, S. Ivey, and Brother H. O. Parker.

To Cedar Creek—Elder J. C. Marcom and Brother J. S. Williams.

To Central—Elders J. S. Purefoy, A. D. Blackwood, M. G. Todd, and Brethren Jesse Wheeler, William Rand and H. O. Parker.

On motion, adjourned to-morrow half after 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Dowd. Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, Sept. 25th. 9 1-2, a. m.

The ministers and delegates assembled. Prayer by Elder Blackwood.

The Clerk not having arrived, Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and the report was adopted. (Appendix B.)

The committee on Periodicals reported, and after some discussion it was adopted, and a contribution of six dollars raised to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers. (See Appendix, E.)

The committee on Temperance reported, which report was adopted, on motion by Bro. Allen Betts. (Appendix, C.)

On motion, a committee consisting of Brethren H. O. Parker and Allen Betts were appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The Executive Committee reported, which report was adopted, and may be seen by reference to Appendix, G.

The committee on Finance reported, and the report was received; for details, see Statistical table.

On motion, Elder A. D. Blackwood, and Brethren William Yates, Carlos Yates, Green Beckwith and W. S. King were re-appointed Executive Committee for this Association for the next year.

On motion by Bro. J. D. Lanear, the next meeting of this body is appointed to be held with the church at Piney Grove.

Elder P. W. Dowd was, on motion, appointed to preach the Introductory or Denominational sermon, and Elder J. S. Purefoy his Alternate.

Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, and Elder S. Ivey his Alternate.

On motion by Brother D. H. Holland, the Clerk is ordered to have 1200 copies of the minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

On motion, the money received by this Association for Army Colportage, is ordered to be paid over to Elder N. B. Cobb.

All other moneys received for the objects of the Baptist State Convention, are ordered to be paid over to Elder J. S. Purefoy, Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion by Elder A. D. Blackwood, a committee consisting of Elder J. C. Marcom, and Brethren J. S. Williams and Allen Betts, were appointed to enquire into the reasons why Mt. Pleasant and Prospect churches have failed to represent themselves in the Association—the former not having been represented since 1854, and the latter since 1856.

The church at Mt. Zion not having represented themselves in the body since 1859, on motion, Elder A. D. Blackwood, and Brethren J. Q. Adams and W. S. King were appointed

a committee to enquire into the causes of such failure.

The committee on the Baptist State Convention reported, and the report was adopted after some discussion. (See Appendix, D.)

On motion by Elder Blackwood, the report of the committee to sell the school property was taken up, and, on motion, the committee was re-appointed with full power to sell the property as last year. The committee consists of Elder P. W. Dowd, Green Beckwith and Daniel B. Holland.

On motion, Elder Blackwood and Brother J. Q. Williams were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable obituary on the death of our lamented brother, Elder A. W. Betts, and that it be appended to the minutes.

On motion, the six dollars raised here to-day to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers, is ordered to be paid to Elder Cobb.

The following resolution offered by Elder Blackwood was unanimously adopted:

Resoleed, That the thanks of this body be voted to the Church and community for their hospitality in entertaining the ministers and visitors attending the Association.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

The committee on Mission Funds, &c. reported, and that report was adopted and will appear in Appendix, F.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following list of delegates which was concurred in by the body, viz:

Life Members—Daniel Scarborough and J. P. Pernell.

Members—Joseph Fowler, Lemuel Mitchell, S. Walker, J. C. Lee, J. L. Terrill, G. W. Scarborough, J. M. Williams, G. Underhill, Elder M. G. Todd, J. G. High, M. H. Allen, M. Thompson, Elder S. Ivey, Calvin Poole, T. Baucomb, Jesse Wheeler, D. H. Holland, W. R. Moore, Elder J. F. Ellington, W. H. McCullers, W. S. King, W. J. Holleman, J. Q. Williams, John Q. Adams, A. M. Adams, H. Weatherspoon, R. T. Weatherspoon, Needham Stone, John R. Marcom, W. H. Beckwith, B. Olive, John Baucomb, William Rand, S. G. Dupree, Henry O. Parker, Daniel B. Holland, Green Beckwith, J. T. Weathers, S. Pace, Allen Betts, J. C. Marcom, J. Z. Bennett, J. S. Williams, G. A. Holland and Elder O. Churchill.

On motion by Bro. J. D. Lanear, the Association adjourned to meet again on Tuesday after the third Sunday in

September, 1863, with the church at Piney Grove, Wake County.

After some very appropriate remarks by the Moderator on the state of the country, and the happy state of union and good feeling that have characterized our entire proceedings during this meeting.

Prayer was offered by Elder N. Cobb, and the benediction by the Moderator, and the brethren dispersed to their homes.

J. S. PUREFOY, *Moderator.*

D. B. HOLLAND, *Clerk*, Holly Spring, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RALEIGH ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
James P. Mason,	Chapel Hill,	N. C.
Solomon Terrell,	Raleigh,	"
Stinceon Ivey,	Auburn,	"
James C. Marcom,	Betts' Store,	"
Jesse Howell,	Green Level,	"
Topley Bowlin,	Green Level,	"
Ellen Mecom,	Earpsboro',	"
Henderson Hocut,	Earpsboro',	"
James W. F. Rogers,	Holly Spring,	"
Mark Nowell,	Eagle Rock,	"
Moses G. Todd,	Eagle Rock,	"
Thomas W. Young,	Morrisville,	"
M. D. Freeman,	Wakefield,	"
John W. Judd,	Holly Spring,	"
Johnson Olive,	Holly Spring,	"
John F. Ellington,	Clayton,	"
P. W. Dowd,	Carey,	"
Samuel Brown,	Chalk Level,	"
S. Senter,	Chalk Level,	"
J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville,	"

LICENTIATES.

Jesse Wheeler,	Leachburg,	N. C.
Weston Parker,	Raleigh,	"
Green Mills,	Green Level,	"
W. C. Nowell,	Forestville,	"
M. S. Williams,	Pacific,	"
J. J. King,	Carey,	"
Hiram Weatherspoon,	Cedar Fork,	"
John W. Collins,	Holly Spring,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.		Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Blacks.	Total.	Association fund.
1st Section.														
Hepzibah	P. W. Dowd	William Underhill	Eagle Rock,	N. C.	..	1	..	4	5	9	273	142	450	$ 3 00
Rolesville	P. W. Dowd	Joseph Fowler	Rolesville,	"	..	..	..	1	3	5	..	.	214	2 00
Wake X Roads	A. D. Blackwood	John T. Withers	Rolesville,	"	..	1	..	3	1	4	178	57	235	2 00
Lee's Chapel	Henderson Hocut	B. L. Mecom	Earpsboro',	"	4	..	2	..	..	2	146	23	175	2 00
Wake Union	James S. Purefoy	Michael Thompson	Forestville,	"	2	2	..	2	..	3	..	..	153	3 00
Hopkins' Chapel in 1861,	M. D. Freeman	Joseph F. Hopkins	Wakefield,	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	.....
Samaria	Henderson Hocut	Berry Denton	Stanhope,	"	7	..	1	..	..	4	67	23	90	1 50
Johnston Antioch	Henderson Hocut	J. A. Woody	St. Charles,	"	13	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	50
2nd Section.														
Cedar Fork	A. D. Blackwood	J. R. Mareom	Cedar Fork,	"	7	..	2	6	5	9	206	36	236	2 10
Mount Pisgah	P. W. Dowd	C. R. Scott	Williams' Mills,	"	1	5	..	1	1	6	188	14	202	2 00
Salem	A. D. Blackwood	T. T. Holland	Green Level,	"	35	6	1	1	5	5	177	29	206	2 70
Shady Grove	John C. Wilson	D. H. Gardner	New Hill,	"	..	..	..	..	2	4	164	11	175	2 00
Holly Spring	John C. Wilson	D. B. Holland	Holly Spring,	"	3	4	..	4	3	3	150	62	212	2 50
Rose of Sharon	Jesse Howell	J. W. Cheek	Durham's,	"	1	1	..		1	..	63	4	67	1 50
Mt. Zion in 1859						..	..	..					30	.....
Olive's Chapel	O. Churchill	J. C. Ragan	Green Level,	"	18	2	..		6	3	165	32	197	2 50
Ephesus	A. D. Blackwood	James Q. Williams	Carey,	"	..	5	..	..		3	49	3	52	1 50
Mount Hermon	Jeptha H. Laiton	John Q. Adams, Jr.	Morrisville,	"	..	3	..	..	2	2	66	13	79	1 50
Berea	J. P. Howell	G. M. Shepherd	Durham's,	"	..	2	..	..	..	1	37	9	46	1 00

STATISTICAL TABLE,—*CONCLUDED.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.		Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Blacks.	Total.	Association fund.
3rd Section.														
New Bethel	P. W. Dowd	S. G. Dupree	Raleigh,	N. C.	1						32	28	60	$1 50
Mt. Moriah	S. Ivey	A. J. Poole	Auburn,	"				1	5	3	108	26	134	2 00
Shiloh	S. Ivey	D. H. Holland	Leachburg,	"						1			20	2 00
Johnson Liberty	S, Ivey	Wm. H. McCullers	Clayton,	"	1	5	1	5	5	2	84	45	129	2 00
Bethesda	John F. Ellington	N. L. Barns	Clayton,	"							43	1	44	1 50
Smithfield	No Pastor	Alfred Holland	Smithfield,	"				2	1	2			112	1 50
Archer Lodge	John F. Ellington	H. L. Barns	Creechville,	"	2						37	4	41	1 00
4th Section.														
Neil's Creek in 1861	Jesse Howell	Thomas Mathews	Kinney's Creek,	"							137	33	170	
Piney Grove	James C. Marcom	John C. Ballentine	Betts' Store,	"	2		1		3	1	145	11	156	2 00
Cumberland Union	Samuel Brown	John D. Lanear	Chalk Level,	"		2				1	84	2	86	2 55
Friendship		G. S. Byrd	Bunn's Level,	"			1			1			36	1 50
Antioch	James C. Marcom	William Salmond, Sr.	Northington,	"							54		54	1 00
Mt, Pleasant in 1854													29	
Prospect in 1856													29	
Total,					97	40	9	30	48	76	2637	614	3983	$51 85

Appendix.

A.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Colportage in the Army, submit the following:

The war has called into the field some fifty thousand of our men, and thus depriving them of the spiritual blessings and privileges which they have hitherto enjoyed. There have been but little arrangements made to supply this deficiency. Many, very many, have not owned a copy of the New Testament since they enlisted in the service of their country. Many regiments have no Chaplains, and consequently have heard no preaching. In this state of things our soldiers might well say no one careth for my soul. It is time for the churches and all christians to arouse from their lethargy upon this subject, and go to work in earnest to supply the spiritual wants of our brave boys who have exposed themselves to danger and death for the liberty and blessings we enjoy.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the churches of this Association to raise forthwith all the funds in their power to forward this noble work of giving the bread of life to our brave men before they fall, and the opportunity of benefiting their souls will have passed away.

A. D. BLACKWOOD, Ch'mn.

B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following:

The Sabbath School, as an agency for turning the young to righteousness, has been so signally blessed of God as to make it strange that any one should question its efficacy or fail to do all he can in its behalf. Wherever it has been faithfully tried, it has been instrumental in the conversion of sinners and in adding to the church such as shall be saved.

It is God's own appointed agency for carrying out our Saviour's great commission. It is an excellent way of preaching the gospel to children; the surest way by which spiritual instruction can be adapted to their capacity. God has placed the seal of His approbation on it, and it has never failed to accomplish great good, as thousands, now in the shining courts of glory, and thousands more of earnest laborers for Christ on earth to testify.

But it is not only useful in turning the pupils into the paths of righteousness; it also developes the gifts and graces of the church members who engage in it and greatly promotes their efficiency in every respect.

Your committee regret to learn that Sabbath Schools have received so little attention among the churches of this Association. Such indifference to the spiritual condition of the children, and to the duties which God has imposed on us is in the highest degree criminal.

C.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and that they regard it as of vital importance, but regret that so many are forsaking it and yielding to the influence of king alcohol.

We are taught by the Good Spirit that temperance is moderation in all things; but in its application to intoxicating liquors as a beverage, we believe that it is total abstinence. The brother who sets himself up as a moderate drinker, exerts a more baneful influence than the sot; for others in imitating his example are soon carried to a drunkard's grave, leaving, it may be, a wife and children to cry for bread.

We look upon venders, sots and moderate drinkers, all, as administering individual and national ruin. Your committee are decidedly in favor of the cold water man, and are of opinion that this Association should adopt some efficient plan of converting all our churches to the cold water principle.—We believe that the church should show her authority and forbid in her members the indulgence of any habit which is calculated to injure the cause of Christ.

Let the church wake up to the importance of this subject

before the new apple king, now extensively reigning, wins thousands of their members to his kingdom.

That the pure minds of our brethren may be stirred up on the subject, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Association regard the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as sinful in its practice and ruinous in its tendency.

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. TODD, Ch'mn.

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Baptist State Convention was organized for the purpose of concentrating the benevolent effort of the State.

It has for its objects the Home and Foreign Missions, the education of young men for the ministry and colportage.

Much has been done in former years for these objects, but there is much yet to be done. The foreign field, although white to the harvest, cannot be reached efficiently in consequence of the state of affairs in our country.

The education of young men for the ministry is also hindered, because conscription takes them into the army.

But we have two objects left upon which we may and can operate efficiently—Home Missions and Colportage. These objects are doubly interesting because of the state of our country. There is great demand for effort in both departments, but the Convention cannot operate without means; we therefore do hope that not a man belonging to the Raleigh Association will hesitate to give his mite. These objects, brethren, you can understand. They operate upon and among your sons and neighbors. Then come to the help of the Lord and to the rescue of your fellow beings from the gulf of immortality and eternal ruin.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. MARCOM, Ch'mn.

E.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals submit the following:

A well conducted religious paper is of such incalculable value in a family, that we have been quite at a loss to know how any family can be contented to live without it, and more especially when they have a paper of this character edited in our midst, not surpassed by any in our country, at the same rates that it cost when every thing else cost much less than in these war times. That paper is the *Recorder*, edited by our esteemed Brother Hufham, and has thus far weathered the storm which has swept away many of her sisters before the wave.

The *Recorder* still stands with a very respectable list, and fair prospects to pass through the storm.

Will not the brethren rally to the support of the *Recorder* and see that it is fully sustained and enabled not only to pass through the war, but fully prepared to live for all time to come.

Resolved, That we recommend every brother in the Association to subscribe for the *Recorder*.

A. D. BLACKWOOD, Ch'mn.

F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION FUNDS, &c.

The committee whose duty it was to receive the Mission, Colportage and Educational funds reported the sums received as follows. From

	Education.	Yate's Fund.	State Miss'ns	Army Colportage.	Army Mission Southern Baptist Convention.
Hepsibah,					$ 30 00
Rolesville,				$ 42 40	
Wake Union,	$ 6 00	$ 26 00	$ 6 00	33 25	
Cedar Fork,				7 00	
Salem,				56 05	
Olive's Chapel,			18 10	19 40	
Mt. Moriah,					
Bethesda,				10 00	
Johnston Liberty		10 00		6 95	
Ephesus,					
Mt. Hermon,				40 00	
Shiloh,		10 00		9 00	
Shady Grove,					
Pub. col. at Ass'n,				14 20	
Ind'd'l donations				114 45	85 00
at Association,				19 00	
D. B. Holland,		3 00			
	$ 6 00	$ 49 00	$ 24 10	$ 374 70	$ 115 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. IVEY, Ch'mn.

G.
REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the committee at the Association, Brother O. Churchill was appointed to travel as Colporter in the Association, at a salary of thirty dollars per month. The appointment was accepted, and he commenced his labors the 1st of January, 1862. At a subsequent meeting of the committee at Salem, Bro. Churchill was instructed to spend part of his time in the camp of soldiers in our midst, also pledging the Association to pay for all the tracts and books gratuitously distributed. The aggregate of Bro. Churchill's reports are as follows:

Number of days, 122; families visited, 377; conversed with on religion, 283; destitute of the Bible, 2; destitute of religious books, except the Bible, 4; sermons preached, 54; prayer meetings held, 28; miles traveled, 1,132; Bibles and Testaments given away, 83, value, $12 45; religious books sold, 242, value, 161 20; Bibles and Testaments sold, 67, value, 54 15; tracts and books given away, 13,000 pages, books, 7, value, 10 70.

FUNDS.

On hand last Association,	$119 12
Received of Bro. Troy Baucom, former Treas.,	110 11
Total,	$229 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for tracts for distribution,	$ 23 15	
Bro. Churchill's traveling expenses,	5 40	
Salary of Colporter,	150 00	
		178 55
Balance on hand,		$ 50 68

H.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1862. D. B. HOLLAND, Treasurer,
To Raleigh Association, Dr.

By amount in hand, 1861,		$ 18 89
" " . received from Finance Committee,		42 90
		$ 61 79
Cr.		
By amount paid J. D. Huf ham for printing,	$ 36 00	
By amount paid Clerk's fee,	15 00	
		51 00
Remaining in the Treasury,		$ 10 79

D. B. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

I.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF BROTHER A. W. BETTS.

WHEREAS, An Allwise Providence has removed from our midst our esteemed brother, A. W. Betts, since our last session,

Resolved, That this Association has lost one of her most valuable, worthy, zealous and benevolent members, and that we commend his holy example of systematic benevolence in giving five per cent. on his nett income to the support of the gospel and the cause of Missions, to the consideration of the brethren.

Resolved, That we bow with humble submission to the will of Almighty God in removing our beloved brother from his labors on earth in the prime of life, feeling that what is our loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved, That we sympathize with his bereaved family and relations, and also the Church of which he was a member, and offer them our condolence.

A. D. BLACKWOOD, Ch'mn Com.